the corresponding months of previous year are given below:

Month	Export	Import	Trade Balance
November, 1990	2545	4404	—1859
November, 1991	3588	3879	—291
December, 1990	2874	4160	—1286
December, 1991	4015	4661	—646
January, 1991	3024	4131	—1107
January, 1992	4249	4160	+89
February, 1991	2807	3630	—823
February, 1992	3916	4371	+455
March, 1991	3427	3625	—198
March, 1992	4785	4726	+59
April, 1991	2952	2850	+102
April, 1992	3960	5174	—1214

(b) Several changes in trade policy were introduced since July, 1991 aimed at strengthening export incentives, eliminating a substantial volume of import licensing and rationalising the import tariff structure. Rupee has been made partially convertible to encourage generation of foreign exchange. These have been further consolidated in the new Export Import Policy which, *inter-alia,* aims to promote productivity, modernisation and competitiveness of Indian industry and thereby to enhance its export capabilities.

Export of Sheep and Goat meat

1145. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the export of sheep, goat and buffalo, pork and poultry meat and meat products?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): Steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the export of meat and meat products include inspection of plants processing meat and meat products, issuing of notifications laying down standards for export of raw meat (chilled and frozen) steps for removal of ban imposed by certain countries on import of Indian meat, financial assistance for upgradation/modernisation of slaughter houses, strengthening quality control, establishment of modern integrated slaughter houses and arranging export promotion delegations.

Setting up of Export Promotion Zone at Visakhapatnam

1146. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an Export Promotion Zone in Visakhapatnam;

(b) what is the target date for completion of this project; and

(c) what is the amount allocated for the project, for the current year and how much amount is proposed for the coming year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to set up an Export Processing Zone in Visakhapatnam.